Shifting of functional head of marketing division of FCI

828. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of functional head of the marketing division of the Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) was operating from Calcutta since inception;

(b) whether the same was operating even after division of FCI as the office of the functional head of marketing division of HFC since formation, of HFC in 1978; and

(c) when the same was shifted to Delhi and the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No Sir. The office of the Zonal Manager (Marketing) Eastern Zone, of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. was located in Calcutta till 1978.

(b) and (c) The office of General Manager (Marketing) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC), which operated from Calcutta on formation of HFC in 1978, was shifted to New Delhi in 1989 in the interest of effective control and coordination. In addition to the sales functions, the marketing office also interfaces with various agencies, including the Departments/Ministries of the Government of ensure effective supply and distribution of fertilizers.

Settlement of claims of Bhopal gas victims

829. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the status/progress of settlement of compensation to those affected by Bhopal Gas tragedy;

(b) the total number of claims received, processed, settled and compensation paid so far;

(c) the reasons for delay in settlement of compensation; and

(d) the details of review undertaken and steps taken/proposed to clear pendency of cases and detect bogus claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) According to the information received from the office of the Welfare Commissioner, out of 6 lakh claims received, about 4 lakh claims have been decided as on 31.10.1996. The compensation awarded amounts to Rs. 898 crores of which Rs. 854 crores has been paid upto 31.10.1996. The reasons for delay in settlement of compensation claims are non-availability of required number of judicial officers from the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, non-appearance of medical officers for giving evidence and claimants not turning up for adjudication despite of issue of notices by registered post/publication in the Press. The disposal of claim cases by the Courts are reviewed by the Welfare Commissioner who is a sitting judge of the High Court. The disposal is also monitored regularly by the Government. The office of Welfare Commissioner has informed that due care is being taken in the adjudication of the compensation claim cases in accordance with the judicial process. More than 5000 duplicate claims involving an amount of Rs. 1.25 crores have been detected and payment in such cases has been stopped and Rs. 5 lakhs have been got refunded.

चीनी मिलों से निकले अपशिष्टों का खाद के रूप में इस्तेमाल

830. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि चीनी मिलों/पेराई यंत्रों से निकले अपशिष्टों का खेतों में खाद के रूप में प्रयोग किया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या चीनी मिलों/पेराई यंत्रों से निकले अपशिष्टों को उस क्षेत्र के किसानों को उचित मूल्य पर दिया जाता है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र) : (क) जी हां। (ख) और (ग) यह एक औद्योगिकीय अपशिष्ट है तथा इसका उपयोग खाद के रूप में किया जाता है। चूंकि यह